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27th ANNUAL STAR AWARDS

(Stockton, CA) – For the 27th year the Stockton Arts Commission is recognizing outstanding artists, art patrons and art supporters in the Valley. This year's STAR (Stockton's Top Arts Recognition) Award will go to two outstanding artists Arthur Coleman, Jr. and Kevin Falls.

Arthur Coleman, Jr. is one of five California Teachers of the Year for 2003-2004 as well as San Joaquin County's 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year. He has taught at Stockton Unified School District since 1981 and has taught music for 12 years. Mr. Coleman is the band director at Hamilton Middle School in Stockton and has initiated, as well as participated in, several music programs: jazz, concert and marching bands and piano studies. He also directs a Polynesian performance group and often tours with his uncle in a "Doowop" group. During his 22 years as a teacher, Mr. Coleman has received numerous honors: three teacher of the year awards, many education related trophies and is an inductee into the Black Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kevin Falls is an award winning producer and writer who began his career as a sports writer for the Lincoln High School newspaper. A 1973 graduate of Lincoln, Mr. Falls co-produced and wrote for "The West Wing", one of television's most acclaimed series from 2000-2003. He has been awarded three Emmy's and a Golden Globe as Co-Executive Producer and Writer, as well as an individual Emmy for the documentary episode, "The Living American Presidents". Mr. Falls' film credits include "Summer Catch", a Tolin-Robins production. He also wrote the script for "The Temp", was lead writer for the HBO show, "Arliiss" and most recently was asked by actor Rob Lowe to be part of the team writing and producing last season's "Lion's Den". He also shepherded his own ABC pilot, "The Flannerys".

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The Stockton Arts Commission serves as a catalyst to support, strengthen, and sustain the community by increasing awareness, opportunities and involvement in arts and cultural activities.

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